

error, he had denounced the conspiracy of all the forces of violence and oppression leagued together to slay social justice, Republicanism, freedom of thought in France. His courageous words awoke the country. The consequences of his deed are incalculable. They unroll themselves to-day in power and majesty, they spread out indefinitely, they have determined a movement of social equity which will not stop. A new order of things is arising, based on a better sense of justice, on a deeper knowledge of the rights of all. "Gentlemen, there is only one country in the world where such great things could have been accomplished. How beautiful is the genius of our fatherland! How beautiful is that soul of France which in past centuries taught equity to Europe and the world! France is the land of ornate reason and kindly thoughts, the land of equitable magistrates and humane philosophers, the land of Turgot, of Montesquieu, of Voltaire, of Malesherbes. And Zola deserved well of the country by refusing to despair of justice in France. "We must not pity him for having endured and suffered. Let us rather envy him ! Set above the most prodigious heap of outrages ever raised by folly, ignorance, and malice, his glory attains to inaccessible heights. Let us envy him : he honoured his country and the world by immense literary work and by a great deed. Let us envy him: his destiny and his heart gave him the grandest fate : in him at one moment was set the conscience of mankind!"

The presence of death, all around one in that great cemetery, was quite forgotten when M. Anatole France ceased speaking. Tumultuous applause arose while relatives and friends were taking up their positions for the

march past  
of the thousands attending the obsequies.  
Several ladies,  
Mesdames Laborde, Charpentier, Fasquelle,  
and others,<sup>1</sup>  
had joined the family party, which stood in  
line on  
the verge of a transverse avenue, immediately  
in front of  
the tomb of the famous Baron Hirsch. For  
two hours the

i Madame Zola was not present, her relatives and friends  
having entreated  
her to remain at home.